



The Amherst Survival Center (ASC) is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We also have spaces on our Development, Finance, and JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) standing committees for non-board community members. Serving on the ASC board and/or committees is a challenging and rewarding way to support the Center.

The ASC Board of Directors takes a holistic approach in considering candidates for the board and/or standing committees. What and who we are looking for will vary depending on the current composition of the board and standing committees. The ASC Board of Directors is committed to maintaining a diverse, equitable, and inclusive board that brings together people with diverse skill sets, life experiences, and resources to offer the ASC. We know that representation matters and we will better address the needs of the community when our board more accurately reflects our community. We also know that our decisions will be more effective when guided by real lived experiences with food insecurity and social service programs. To effectively complete our work, we also need a variety of skills such as experience in human resources management, organizational leadership, fundraising, municipal governance, advocacy, policy making, public health, social service organizations, and financial management. We welcome members who bring any of these perspectives, experiences, and skills! Most importantly, Board and standing committee members must be willing to work collaboratively, be flexible, appreciate viewpoints that differ from their own and be enthusiastic about furthering the [ASC mission](#).

Being on the board is a time commitment. Board members are expected to attend board meetings, participate on standing committees, and spend additional time outside of those meetings on board responsibilities. Board members commit to making the ASC their priority organization for promotion and stewardship. One hundred percent donor participation from board members is expected at whatever level is meaningful and significant to them (whether it be ten dollars or ten thousand!).

Board and standing committee members are expected to report any potential conflicts of interest and maintain strict confidentiality. Board and standing committee members must be willing to work collaboratively, be flexible, and appreciate viewpoints that differ from their own.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a candidate to serve on the board of directors or one of our standing committees, please complete this brief [questionnaire](#) and a board member will follow-up with you directly for further discussion.